



Access Delegation with OAuth2

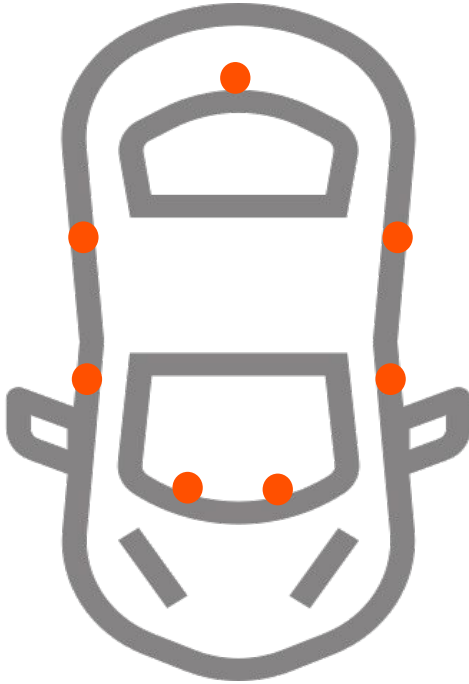


Access Delegation

- Authorizing an application to access your resources on your behalf
- Enables granting access to execute limited actions depending on the need
- Granted permissions can be revoked from the delegates easily



Example: Master Key vs. Valet Key

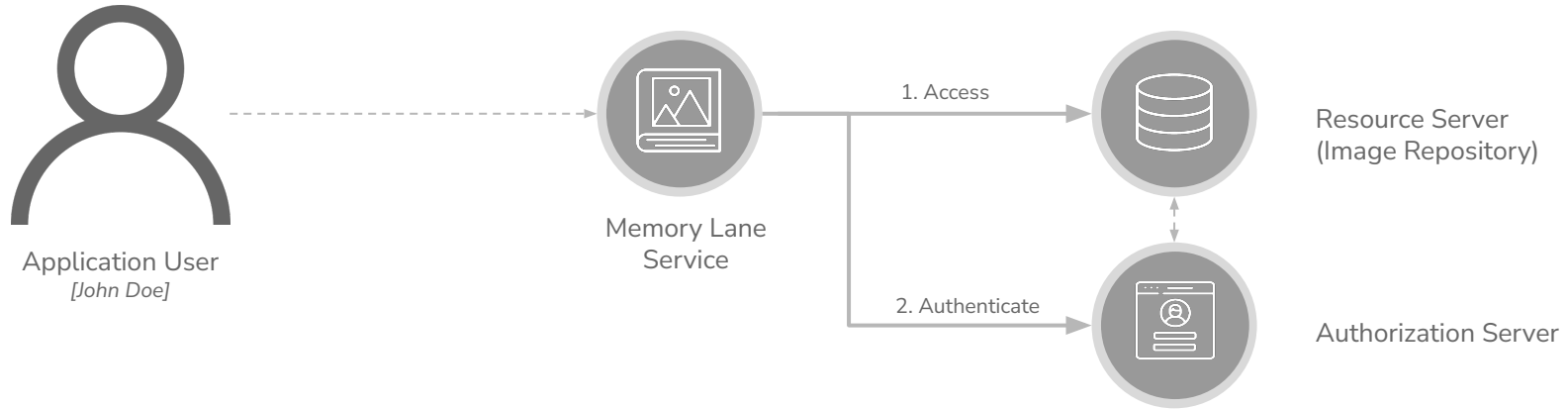


Access Points for the Master Key

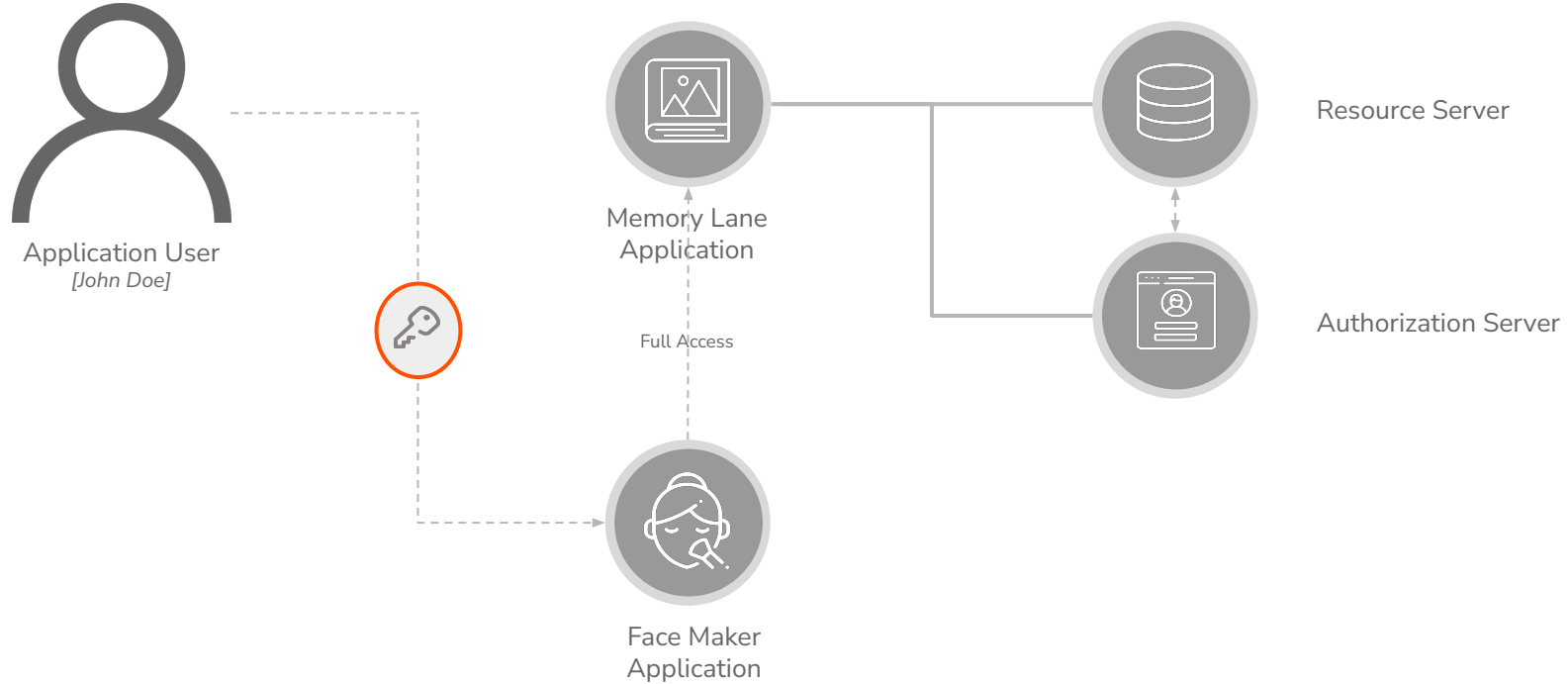


Access Points for the Valet Key

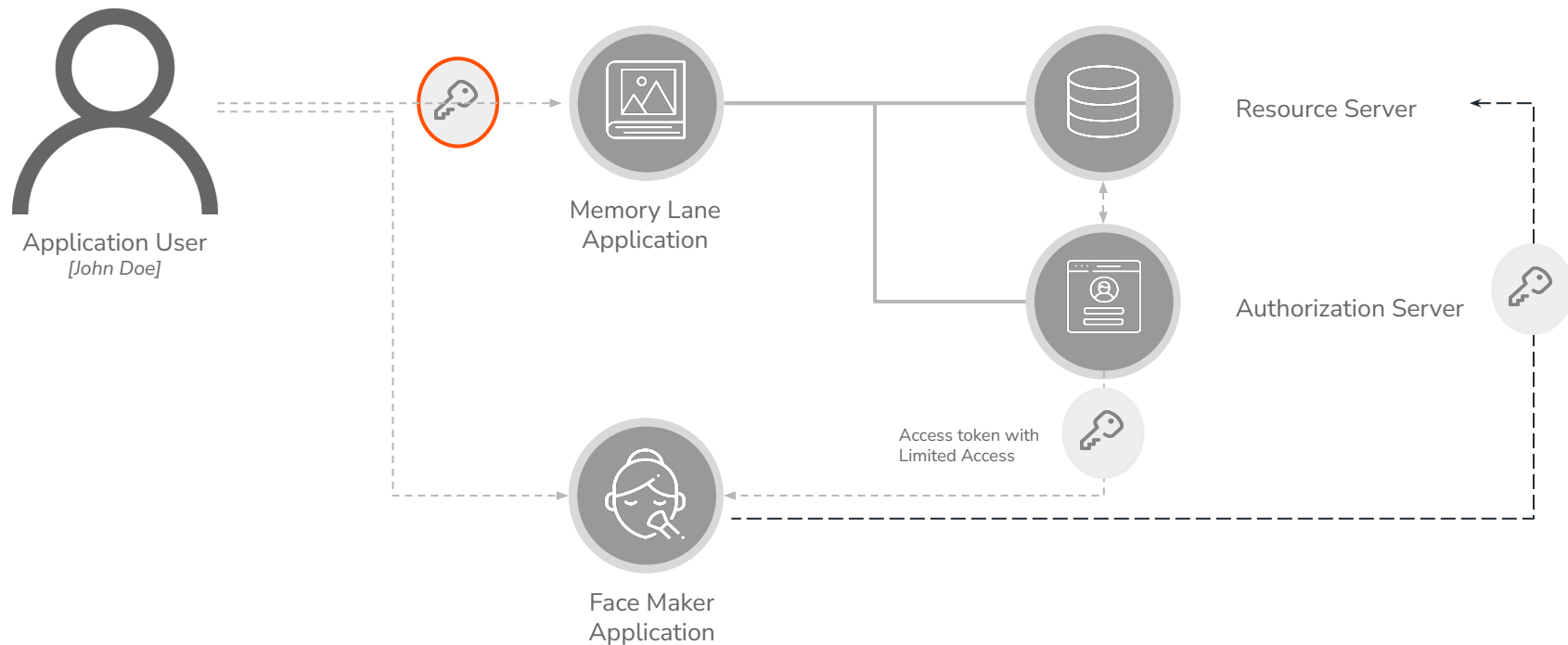
Example: Memory Lane image service



Example: Face Maker photo editing service



Example: Face Maker accesses images on behalf of users



An Overview to OAuth2



What is OAuth2

- An industry-standard, light-weight protocol used for secure access delegation
- Enables applications to access resources without having to using the account credentials at the application site
- Generates tokens with limited access to facilitate accessing resources securely
- Extensible framework to implement new access delegation use cases



OAuth2 Roles

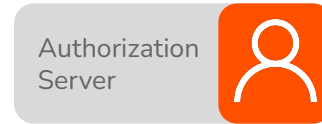
Who does what



[John Doe]



*[Messenger/
Face Maker]*



*[Google/
Facebook/
Memory Lane
Authorization Module]*

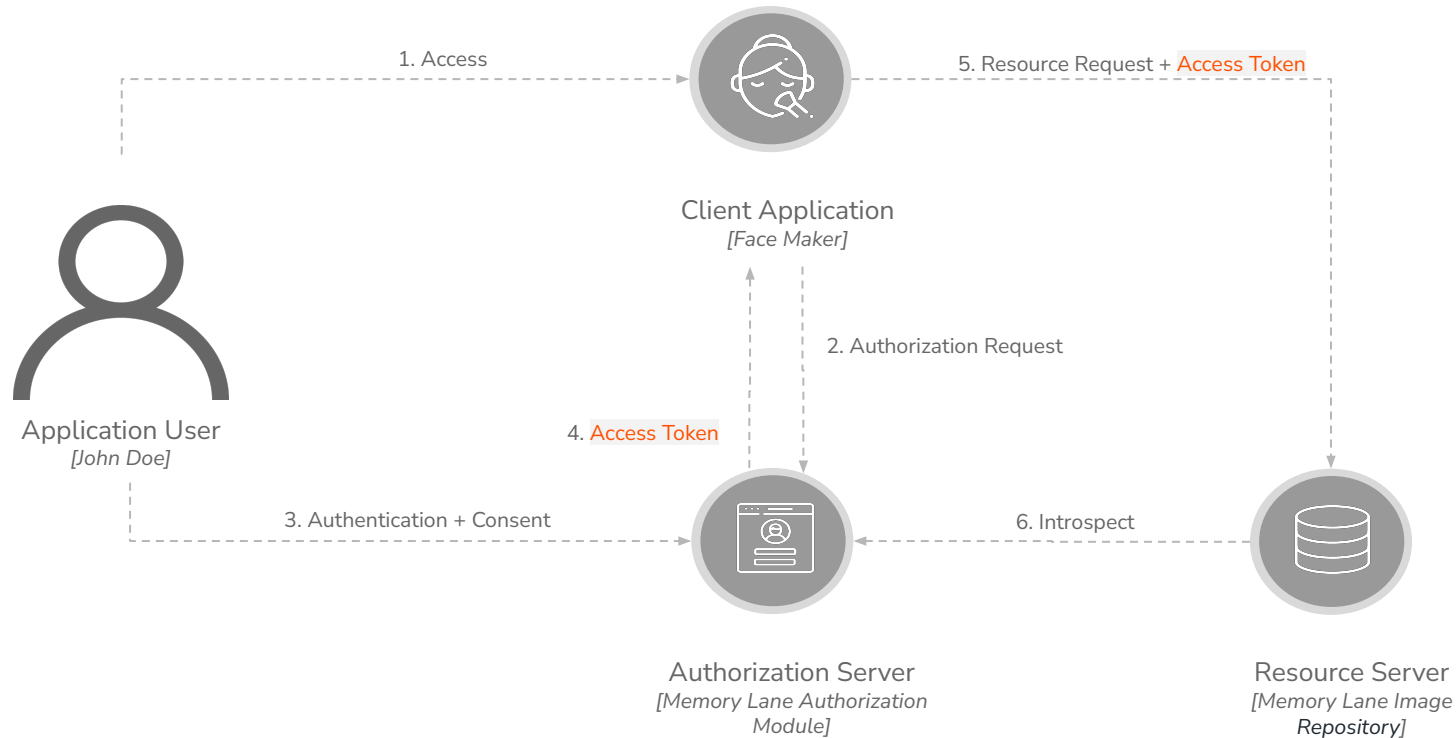


*[Memory Lane Repository/
Facebook]*

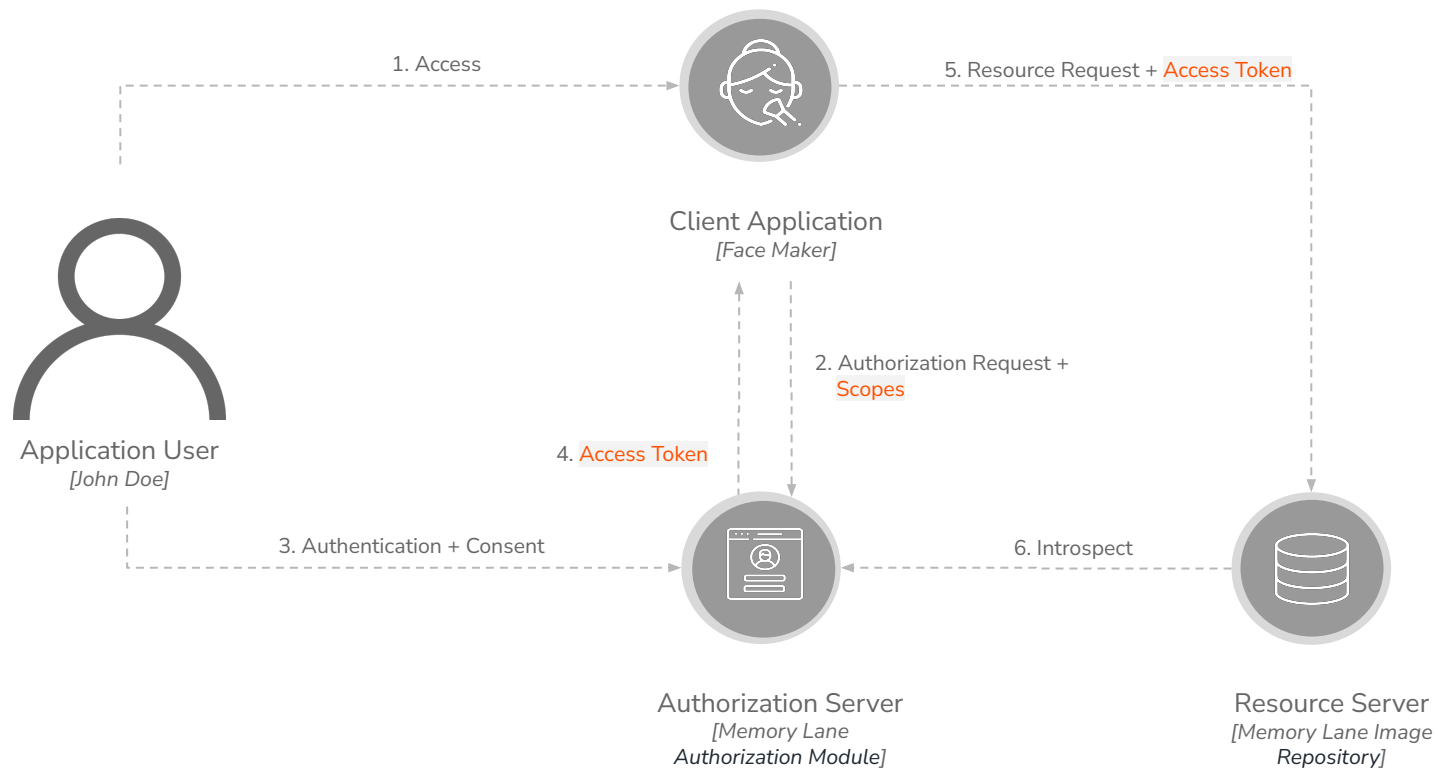
Sample Scenarios



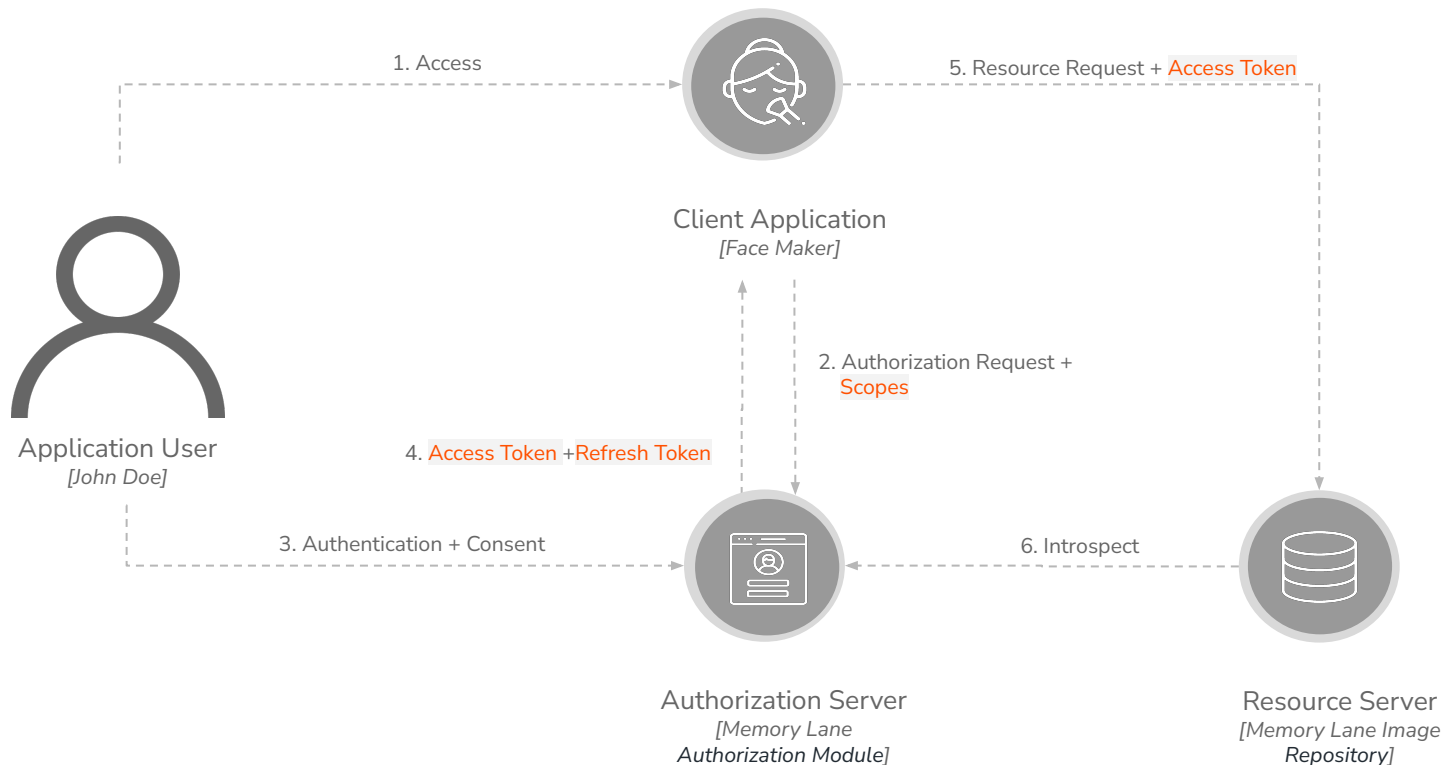
Accessing Third-Party Resources with Access Tokens



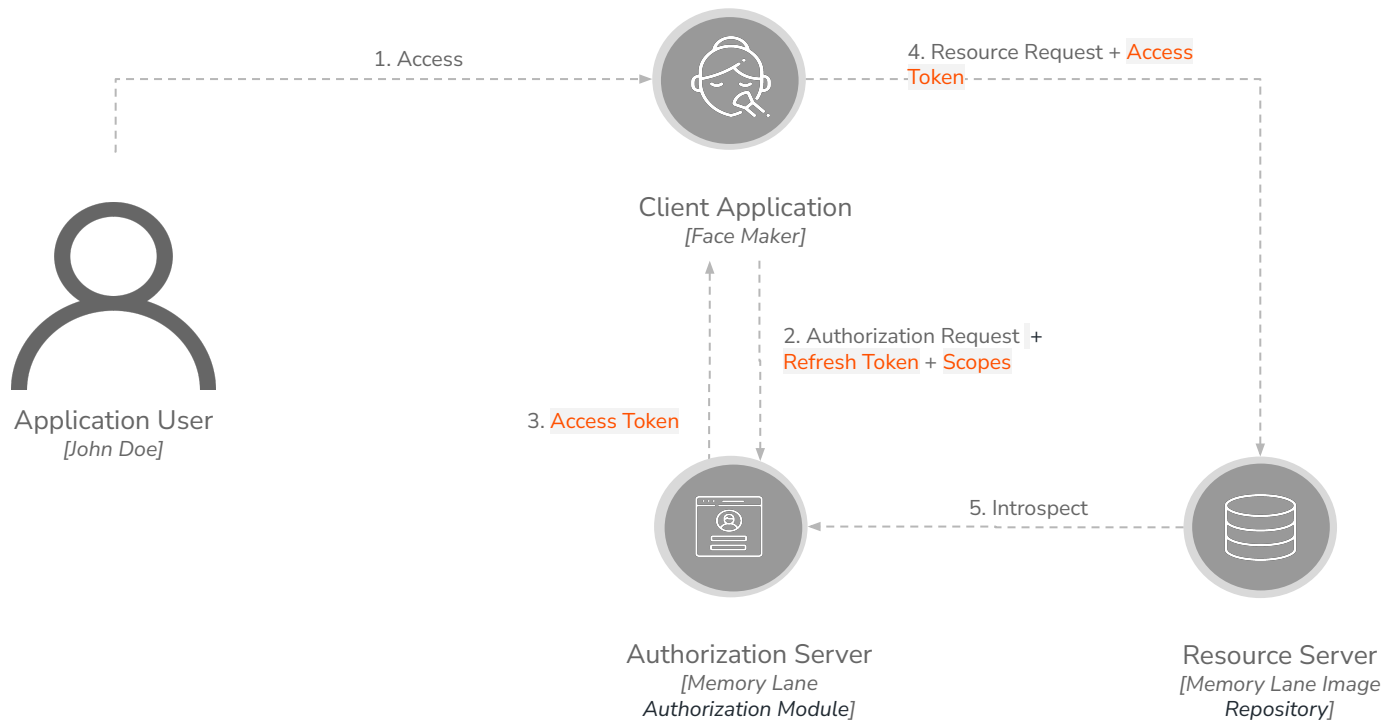
Limiting Access to Third-Party Resources with Scopes



Sustaining the Access Token Validity



Refreshing Access Token Upon Expiry



Tokens and Grants



Token Types – Purpose

Access
Token



Duration: Short
Purpose: Access resources

Refresh
Token



Duration: Long
Purpose: Get new access tokens

Token Types – Content

Opaque
Token



Content: Plain text tokens

JWT
Token



Content: Self-contained verifiable
tokens

Grant Types

Authorization
Code



Implicit



Password



Client
Credential



Refresh
Token



Device Flow



SAML2
Bearer



JWT
Bearer



Extended



Quick Recap





What you learnt

1. Overview of access delegation
2. Overview of OAuth 2.0 concepts
3. Sample access delegation scenario with OAuth 2.0

Any Questions ?

Reach us through the following channels

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📄 <https://stackoverflow.com/questions/tagged/wso2-identity-server>

🗯 <https://discord.com/invite/Xa5VubmThw>

Thanks!



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